

REMARKS:

Claims 1-22 are in the application and have been subjected to a restriction requirement.

The examiner has required applicant to elect a single invention from among the four inventions identified by the examiner as Group I containing claims 1-8 drawn to a sputtering cathode; Group II containing claims 9-16 drawn to a method of producing a sputtering cathode; Group III containing claims 17-21 drawn to a sputtering target; and Group IV containing claim 22 drawn to a vacuum coating installation.

Applicant elects the prosecution of Group I and is, therefore, believed to be entitled to examination of claims 1-8 drawn to a sputtering cathode.

The non-elected claims are retained subject to applicant's right to file one or more divisional applications covering the non-elected claims at an appropriate time during the pendency of the current application.

Favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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